Hosea 6: 1-6 Luke 18: 9-14

FOCUS: "It is mercy I desire and not sacrifice."

One might be taken aback at the attitude of the Pharisee in today's Gospel. Basically he is telling God what a wonderfully devout person he is. To paraphrase his thoughts, we might hear him saying,

"Lord, I am sure glad that you created me as I am. Look at the rest of mankind. They sin; I have not sinned in years. They do not fast; but I sure do, twice a week. They do not put money in the box for the upkeep of the Temple; but I give ten per cent just like you said to! Heck, Lord, look at that poor guy in the back of the Temple. What gives him the right to even come in here? He is a tax collector for the Romans. He takes money from the poor and gives to the rich. He is a person who obviously has forgotten what it means to be a child of yours!"

Does this seem to be a harsh judgment on our part? Perhaps the Pharisee prayed in the only way he knew.

From his demeanor it is obvious that the tax collector sought to return to the Lord. He had a heart, contrite and humble, as he prayed in the Lord's house. He sought God's mercy as he admitted his sinfulness, and we hear from Jesus, "The latter went home justified, not the former."

The Lord said it so clearly, "It is mercy that I desire, not sacrifice." Is our attitude that of the Pharisee or the tax collector? Have we accomplished all that we set out to do during this season? Have we been full of mercy and reached out to those in need of our help? Have we been reconciled with anyone this year? Have we sought out others to bring them back to the Lord? Have we allowed the mercy of God to really help us during these past few weeks?

We have plenty of time left during this season. May we be like the tax collector and return from Church this morning justified as we continue to seek the Lord. May the Lord assist us in our journey and may he bless us with his mercy.

GOD:

The bad people laghed at noah— you make an ark on dry land you fool. But he was smart he stuck with you. That's what I would do.

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MILITARY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN'S APRIL FIRST FRIDAY PROGRAM

Thursday, 3 April 2003, 7 PM, Most Holy Trinity Chapel

Topic: WHAT ABOUT ME AND MY STORY?

Speaker Ann Gentile, a Chaplain at Westchester Medical Center, will talk about women's roles and personal fulfillment. The evening will begin with the Rosary at 6:45 PM, followed by Mass at 7 PM.

The speaker and time for socializing will begin around 7:45 PM. Come for part or all of the evening!

Lent is also the season of final preparation for those who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. The Church invites its members to pray for these catechumens, but also to renew their own commitment to the life that began in them when they were baptized and so became members of God's people.

Volunteers Needed For Local

Health Center

A volunteer health center to provide primary care for uninsured and underserved citizens of Highland Falls and Fort Montgomery is opening in the next few months. You do not need medical skills to help-just a love of mercy. Please contact Dr. Vic McGlaughlin at 938-6891 or on exchange mail for more information about how you can be involved to address a need in our community.

MARRIED COUPLES:

A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Weekend is like Spring-time. The weekend is a breath of fresh air, the rebirth of romance and new beginnings. If you'd like to make your marriage even more special than it already is - CALL NOW! The next Weekend is April 25 - 27, at the Comfort Inn, Nanuet, NY. For more information, call Tom and Mary Julich at 446-1071. For registration information, call: 845-635-8566.

SCRIPTURE FOR WEEK OF Mar 30, 2003

Mon – Isaiah 65: 17-21. John 4: 43-54 Tue – Ezekiel 47: 1-9, 12, John 5: 1-16 Wed – Isaiah 49: 8-15, John 5: 17-30

Saint Francis of Paola

Thurs— Exodus 32: 7-14. John 5: 31-47

Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22, John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Sat – Jeremiah 11: 18-20, John 7: 40-53

Saint Vincent Ferrer

ANNOUNCED MASSES

29 Mar 1715 Julie Blanc

Sun 30 Mar 0900 Parishioners of MHT Sun 30 Mar 1100 Parishioners of MHT

Mon 31 Mar 1205

Tue 2 Apr 1205 Daniel Loughran

Wed 3 Apr 1205 June Filion (Healing Mass) Thurs 4 Apr 1205

5 Apr 1205 Fri

Attendance and Offering Last Weekend:

Attendance 397 Offering \$1,386.79

The Next Designated Offering: April 5-6 will be for "Sacred Heart"

HOST FAMILY FOR Apr 5-6

1715 Trainor

0900 Maliszewski/Wollschlager

1100 Fossa

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS Apr 5-6

1715 (3) Volunteers

0900 (3) Volunteers

1100 (5) Volunteers

USHERS FOR Apr 5-6

1715 Ryan Larsen

0900 Austin Commons

1100 Rick Petitt

ALTAR SERVERS Apr 5-6

1715 Connor Toole, Brendan Toole, Jon Pultz
0900 Cadet Boyle, Cadet Richard Juten
1100 Pedro Torres, Steven Nelson, Tom Lesinski

PROCLAIMERS FOR Apr 5-6

1715 Cindy Scullion / Mark Toole0900 Tom Weafer / Charles Feher1100 Tom Strunck /Jennifer Barrow

I have a question. Whom do I call? Pastoral Coordinator...Kate Hayden 938-

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Parish registration, Calendars, Bulletin, Maintenance, Room Scheduling, Purchase Orders, Mass Cards, Fund Requests.

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Wedding information, scheduling, paperwork,
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BAPTISMAL CLASS

APRIL 24, 2003 @ 1900, MHT Parish Rectory, POC Father Burns @ 938-8760

Easter Lilly Sale:

Main Street Florist is offering to provide beautiful flowers for our chapel. You are invited to purchase a *Lilly* in memory of a loved one and have it delivered to MHT for Easter. Please call Lisa at 446-4749 for information and cost.

UNITED CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

UCF (United Catholic Fellowship) is having a Palm Sunday Retreat at Maryknoll (Ossining, NY) from 11-13 April 2003. It is open to all cadets & staff/faculty. Please contact CPT(P) Eric Verzola,

938-7737 or e-mail at pe0843@usma.edu or

CDT Pat Sullivan at e-mail: x35768@usma.edu or 515-3821 ASAP. Deadline for sign up is 26 March.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: GOD'S TYM (Total Youth Ministries) POC Tanya Tolentino @ 424-3609 3/30/03

God's TYM—7-9 pm
Rehearsal for "Living Stations of the Cross"

Sacred Heart School Craft Fair

Sat, April 5th and Sun, April 6th (Sat 10-4, Sun 12:30-4)
Sacred Heart School, Highland Falls
Admission is \$2.00 per person;
kids 12 and under are free!
Admission includes prize drawing ticket!
Gourmet breakfast and lunch items available!
40+ crafters!
Several home businesses represented! Raffle prizes!
If any additional information is required, please contact Lori May at sl7974@usma.army.mil

RCIA

MHT Catholic Chapel needs folks who will work with us in welcoming people into our Catholic Church. We have the funds to send you to a week long training session sponsored by the North American Forum on the Catechumenate.

One of the most important missions of any parish is to welcome people into our Church and to share our Faith with them.. The responsibility belongs to all of us, but specifically we need some parishioners to work with us on the **Rite of Christian Initiation** Team. No experience necessary, just a willingness to share faith with someone who is interested in our Catholic Faith. Please contact Father Vince or Kay Heppes for more information.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND SOUP SUPPER

Join us on the Fridays during Lent for Stations at 1800 and Soup & Bread Supper at 1830.

If you can bring soup or bread to share, we would be appreciative.

"Word Among Us"

Please take a copy of this special Lenten Issue as you leave the chapel.

Important Dates for your Calendar:

4 Mar-1 Apr Lenten Series with Father Costa

7 Mar-11 Apr

Stations of the Cross/Soup Suppers: (Friday's)

8 Apr Parish Reconciliation, 1900 MHT

13 Apr Palm Sunday
17 Apr Holy Thursday

18 Apr Good Friday Liturgy, 1900 MHT

19 Apr Easter Vigil, 2000 MHT

20 Apr Easter Sunday, Mass 0900 & 1100

Prayers for Michael Kwinn III.

Michael Kwinn, III, son of LTCs Brigitte and Michael Kwinn is fighting cancer. The Most Holy Trinity Parish family has secured a medal of Mary of the Miraculous Medal that was touched by Mother Teresa of the Missionaries of Charity in 1997. Michael and his family have been blessed with the medal and are wearing the two medals. We are asking members of the parish family to pray to God for Michael's healing through the intercession of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and Mother Teresa whose is being considered for canonization to Sainthood. Please feel free to ask others.

Novena Prayer: O Immaculate Virgin Mary / Mother of Our Lord Jesus and our Mother, /Penetrated with the most lively confidence in your all-powerful and neverfailing intercession,/ manifested so often through the Miraculous Medal,/We your loving and trustful children implore you to obtain for us the graces and favors we ask during this novena, / if they be beneficial to our immortal souls, and the souls for whom we pray./

(Healing of Michael Kwinn III)

You know, O Mary, how often our souls have been the sanctuaries of your Son who hates iniquity. / Obtain for us then a deep hatred of sin and that purity of heart which will attach us to God alone so that our every thought, word and deed may tend to His greater glory. / Obtain for us also a spirit of prayer and self-denial that we may recover by penance what we have lost by sin and at length attain to that blessed abode where you are the Queen of angels and of men. Amen

Jesus, we humbly ask you to glorify in heaven and on earth, the servant of God, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who generously participated in Your sufferings, who loved Thee so much and labored for the glory of your heavenly Father and for the good of souls.

With confidence, we beseech thee to grant us, through her intercession the grace of ... (Healing of Michael Kwinn III) which we ardently desire.

Pray: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen (3 times)

Format borrowed from Prayer for Intercession of Padre Pio